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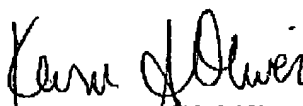
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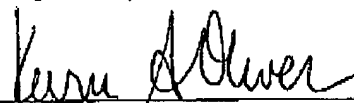
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NVO-001.01	5,444,538	August 22, 1995	System and Method for Optimizing the Grid and Intrafield Registration of Wafer Patterns
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